National Commission for Physically and Mentally challenged persons

3461. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a National Commission for Physically and Mentally challenged persons for their benefit and development;

-(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. To ensure benefit and development of persons with disabilities, the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 provides for having a Central Coordination Committee and the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. Therefore setting up of a National Commission for persons with disabilities is not considered necessary.

Employment to SCs and STs in private sector

3462. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any survey made to assess the employment of Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the private sector in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps Government propose to ensure their due employment in the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) On the issue of affirmative action including reservation for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe youth in the Private sector, the dialogue is continuing with the apex associations of industry and trade.